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1. EMBASSY TRANSMITTED JUNE 27 TEXT OF US SUBMISSION TO OECD SECRETARIAT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT TO ACTING DIRECTOR OF MULTILATERAL DIVISION OF MFA/COMMERCE (STIG BRATTSTROM) WITH REQUEST OUR POSITION BE CONSIDERED BY APPROPRIATE OFFICES.

2. BRATTSTROM INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER JULY 9 THAT, ALTHOUGH US SUGGESTION OF AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT ON MAJOR ELEMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL CODE HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED/INTERNALLY, AS YET, THE GOS SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO MOVE FORWARD IN ACHIEVING A MEANINGFUL CODE. HIS IMPRESSIONS, BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICERS DIRECTLY CONCERNED, ARE THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN SLOW

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TO DATE AND, IF THE GROUP HOPES TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES, IT WOULD BE USEFUL, IF NOT ESSENTIAL, FOR THE USG TO PERHAPS CIRCULATE ITS PROPOSALS OR IDEAS TWO WEEKS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID, GOS CONSIDERATION OF GOVERN-

MENT PROCUREMENT QUESTIONS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE BEFORE LATE
AUGUST BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF OFFICERS DUE TO HOLIDAY LEAVE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER WASHINGTON PLANS TO
PROVIDE OTHER PARTICIPANTS A PAPER ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING. STRAUZ-HUPE

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